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It seems to me that in light of the latest ruling by judge Kolen that Bill Gates is now more powerful than George Bush. Microsoft now controls over 90% of the world's computers. Almost our entire government is controlled by Bill Gates' software. You think that because we have bigger troubles in Afganhanstan, that we don't need to be fighting with Microsoft? The Taliban will lose significance in a few months but Bill's software will be controlling our lives for decades to come. Being that Microsoft has 30 billion in cash and owns many other businesses including a national broadcasting company. They now have the power to buy politicians, influence public opinion and control what people will and will not do on the internet. The government is apparently harder on kids that copy music and software than they are on criminals with guns. Judge Kolen doesn't know enough about technology to be making landmark descisions on who will control the internet and what constitutes as a potential copyright problem. Even our armed forces relies heavily on Microsoft products. How can some young college kid in a remote country write a superior OS and our entire defense forces has to liscence buggy insecure software from Bill Gates. I guess I know the answer... its hard to collect taxes on free software. :(

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